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F. Andrew Turiey, Supervisory Attorney Central Enforcement Division Federal Election Commission 999 E. Street, NW Washington, D.C. 20463

February 10, 1999

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Dear Mr. Turley:

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I am writing on behalf of Rush Holt for Congress (FEC # C00313684) and Mr. Edmund Stiles, that committee's Treasurer, who are represented by this office in the above referenced matter.

In the portion relevant to the Holt Campaign of the complaint filed by George Borchers corresponding to this matter, the complainant alleges that this committee received an illegal campaign contribution in the amount of \$9,000.00 (item 3) and further requests that the Commission investigate whether such a contribution actually was received by the committee (Request for Relief, Item #2). I believe this to be a simple misunderstanding which can easily be set straight.

On September 30, 1998 the candidate, Rush Holt, made a loan to the committee in the amount of \$9,000.00. The check, a copy of which is enclosed, bears the imprint of Mr. Holt's wife, Margaret Lancefield. The account, however, is jointly held with Mr. Holt. Candidate Holt signed the check, you will notice, and it was he who made a valid personal loan to his own campaign committee. Due to a data entry error, the loan was accidentally attributed to Margaret Lancefield. An amended report was filed with the commission on December 22, 1998. A copy of the relevant page from the amended report accompanies this letter, as does a copy of the Committee's correspondence which was sent with that report.

While the complainant in this matter does not identify the source of any alleged illegal contribution, the committee did not receive any other checks in the amount of \$9,000.00. The complainant's mention of this specific dollar amount leads to the conclusion that it is indeed this valid loan from a candidate to his own campaign committee to which the complaint refers.

If you have any further questions regarding this matter, or I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact this office at the above address/phone/fax. Looking forward to a conclusion of this matter I remain

Very Truly Yours

Elia A. Pelios, Esq.

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